

Commodity Shelf Newsletter

November 2009

Commodity Expos January 26-28, 2010

DESE – SFS will again be holding Commodity Expos throughout Missouri to give LEAs the opportunity to learn more about the USDA Donated Foods (DF) Program and the processed items available for the 2010 – 2011 school year. **ALL LEAs** are strongly encouraged to attend the Commodity Expos, specifically the person(s) responsible for completing the processing packet. Participants will also have the opportunity to sample approved items from processors.

The following dates and locations have been established:



1. Kansas City area – Fort Osage Campus
 - Tuesday, January 26, 2010
2. Central MO – Waynesville Career Center
 - Wednesday, January 27, 2010
3. St. Louis area – Francis Howell Central H.S.
 - Thursday, January 28, 2010

Make plans to join the DESE – SFS staff at one of the locations to experience a great show of processed food and a day to network with other Food Service Directors from across the state.





The format will be slightly different this year in comparison to previous Commodity Expos because DESE – SFS has integrated time to work with LEAs on their processing packet during the Expos. An educational session will begin the Expo each day, followed by the food show of approved processed items for SY 10-11, and then there will be areas set-up for DESE – SFS staff to work through the processing packet with any LEA wishing to seek our assistance. The educational session will include a brief overview of the Donated Food Program here in Missouri and also will include discussions about enhancements to the DF Program on the horizon.

DESE – SFS has received many requests for assistance on processing packets and also requests to hold the Commodity Expos after the processing packets

have been distributed, and we hope that these requests can be met by the new format of the Commodity Expos.

[Registration](#) and [directions](#) for the Commodity Expos **are now available** on [DESE – SFS Commodities Web Site](#). Big thanks go out to our host districts and the processors who continue to keep the Commodity Expos a **free** event for participants. Although the Commodity Expos are free, registration is **required**. Registration forms can be completed and submitted in the same manner as monthly order forms. The deadline for Commodity Expo registration is **January 6, 2010**.

Recipe Contest

Are you ready for this? DESE – SFS received a recipe from Kirbyville for Whole, Dry, Pinto Beans ([A942](#)) that may be unconventional, but has been getting rave reviews from the students.  + Kirbyville Pinto Bean Spice Cake combines the delightful taste of a spice cake with the added punch of extra protein and fiber from the Pinto Beans.  Patti Turner and her staff have received many compliments on the  extraordinary recipe, but the common response seems to be “NO WAY! There can’t be beans in something this good.” A [PDF file](#)  and a NutriKids file for the recipe can be found on the DESE – SFS Commodities Web Site under [Recipe of the Month](#). Thank you to Patti and her staff for sharing such a tasty way for everyone to incorporate Pinto Beans into a student-pleasing dessert.

The Commodity of the Month for November is Brown Rice ([B545](#)) and will be Bakery Mix, Low Fat ([B368](#)) for December. Any recipe including Brown Rice or Bakery Mix will be accepted.

A [form](#) is available on the DESE – SFS Commodities Web Site to fill out and submit with your recipe. Submit recipes to DESE – SFS by either E-Mail at webreplyascforcom@dese.mo.gov or by Fax, 573-526-3897, by the 25th of each month.

Commodity Deliveries

Food Distribution Associates (FDA) **will not** be delivering commodities November 25-27 in observance of Thanksgiving. FDA also **will not** be delivering commodities December 19, 2009 – January 3, 2010. **HOWEVER**, if your LEA will have staff available during that two week period, you can request to receive your monthly delivery of commodities during that time. Contact Angie Jackson with FDA, 816-833-2000 or 866-473-9700 to make arrangements to receive delivery from December 19 – January 3.



Product Updates

DESE – SFS has added a PDF document to the [Commodities Web Site](#) which has the [quantities of Prorated Commodities](#) to be delivered during the next month. The document also has any adjustments which had to be made to items with limited quantities on the Open Order. The document will be updated each month after all the quantities of Open Orders have been finalized. The highlighted column indicates the new, modified, quantity your LEA can expect on the next delivery. Also the footer contains details about the delivery weeks for the Prorated Commodities.

When the state-wide total of Open Orders is greater than the quantity in inventory for a specific item, then orders are adjusted by DESE – SFS to scale back orders on a percentage based on orders received. The items receiving adjustments for November delivery were Cheddar Cheese, Shredded, B027 (LEAs received about 39% of their placed orders), and Mozzarella Cheese, Shredded, B035 (LEAs received about 36% of their placed orders). All LEAs ordering Open Order items will receive at least one case even if the item has to be scaled back by DESE – SFS.

Prorated List Update

As noted on the Prorated List of Commodities, indicated by the highlighted areas, Apple Slices ([A346](#)) quantities were adjusted and another delivery of Apple Slices ([A346](#)) was added due to delivery complications from USDA. Also the Applesauce ([A350](#)) scheduled to begin distribution in January will now begin in December. Continue to check the Prorated List for any changes, which are highlighted for easy recognition.

Mrs. Clark Product

DESE –SFS was just notified of issues with the Mrs. Clark's Reduced Calorie Ranch Portion Cups (Item # 52975). Mrs. Clark's is having issues with the lids for the portion cups and was unable to ship requested orders for November distribution. Mrs. Clark's will also **NOT** be shipping the R.C. Ranch PCs in December or January, and hope to have the

product available for February distribution. The R.C. Ranch PCs that were not delivered in November, December and January will not be backordered.

NEW ITEM – String Cheese

Do your students enjoy having individual wrapped string cheese on the menu, but the cost is so expensive to buy commercially? United Commodity Group (UCG) is approved by USDA as the exclusive processor of **BONUS** Non-Fat Dry Milk into String Cheese. DESE – SFS and UCG have arranged an agreement to offer regular Mozzarella String Cheese and Reduced Fat Mozzarella String Cheese through a [Monthly Order Form](#) now available on the [DESE – SFS Commodities Web Site](#). There are 480, 1 oz individually wrapped string cheeses in each case. LEAs will be responsible to pay the delivered price per case, \$72.00 each or \$0.15 per serving.

Fuel up to Play 60

Are you looking for new activities to expand your Wellness policy and encourage students to eat healthy and be active? The National Dairy Council and the National Football League have teamed up for the [Fuel Up to Play 60](#) campaign, which is a youth-led program aimed at helping kids eat healthy and be active for 60 minutes a day. Schools can [enroll](#) online and receive a free school wellness activity kit. More information can be found [here](#).



Quotes for the Month

"It is common sense to take a method and try it; if it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something." – Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"The few who do are the envy of the many who only watch." – [Jim Rohn](#)



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Prorated Commodities for School Year 2009-2010

(The below list are the Prorated Commodities DESE, SFS anticipates receiving. *All quantities, delivery periods, and values are subject to change.*)

Prorated Commodities are USDA Donated Foods (DF), which are purchased by DESE – SFS and then equally distributed to all LEAs participating in the DF program based on their Average Daily Participation (ADP) in the National School Lunch Program. These commodities are intended to be used in the approved Child Nutrition Programs sponsored by USDA. LEAs may **REFUSE** any Prorated Commodity item they wish by having the **Authorized Representative contact DESE – SFS in writing at least six (6) weeks prior to the beginning Estimated Delivery Period**. Refusals can be sent via E-Mail to webreplyascfocom@dese.mo.gov, by Fax to 573-526-3897 or by letter to PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480.

Commodity Code	Description	Case per ADP*	Case Size	Estimated Delivery Period	Estimated per Case VALUE**
Fruits and Vegetables					
A174	Potatoes, Wedges, IQF	44	6 – 5 lb bags	COMPLETE	\$ 14.25
A417	Strawberries, FRZN, Diced, 4.5 oz IND cups	52	96 – 4.5 oz cups	COMPLETE	\$ 30.76
A130	Corn, FRZN, Whole Kernel	44	30 lb case	COMPLETE	\$ 12.26
A416	Peaches, FRZN, Diced, 4.4 oz IND cups	52	96 – 4.4 oz cups	COMPLETE	\$ 23.04
A433	Pears, CND, Sliced, Bartlett	64	6 – # 10 cans	Oct 15, 09 – Nov 15, 09	\$ 22.84
A243	Spaghetti Sauce, CND, Meatless	62	6 – # 10 cans	COMPLETE	\$ 12.71
A346	Apple Slices, FRZN, Unsweetened	59	30 lb case	Nov 1, 09 – Dec 15, 10	\$ 9.68
A091 ***	Beans, Vegetarian, CND,	68	6 – # 10 cans	Nov 1, 09 – Dec 15, 09	\$ 13.48
A431	Pears, CND, Halves	64	6 – # 10 cans	Nov 1, 09 – Dec 15, 09	\$ 23.40
A204	Potatoes, Rounds, FRZN	44	6 – 5 lb bags	Dec 1, 09 – Jan 15, 10	\$ 12.49
A061 ***	Beans, Green, CND	64	6 – # 10 cans	Dec 15, 09 – Jan 31, 10	\$ 16.52
A350	Applesauce, CND, Unsweetened	64	6 – # 10 cans	Dec 1, 09 – Jan 15, 10	\$ 17.08
A346	Apple Slices, FRZN, Unsweetened	83	30 lb case	Jan 1, 10 – Feb 15, 10	\$ 9.68
A942	Beans, Pinto, DRY, Whole	46	25 lb bag	Jan 1, 10 – Feb 15, 10	\$ 9.48
A409	Peaches, CND, Clingstone, Diced	64	6 – # 10 cans	Jan 1, 10 – Feb 15, 10	\$ 17.54
A434	Pears, CND, Diced, Bartlett	64	6 – # 10 cans	Feb 1, 10 – Mar 15, 10	\$ 22.19
A085 ***	Beans, Refried, CND	68	6 – # 10 cans	Feb 15, 10 – Mar 31, 10	\$ 21.79
A210	Potatoes, FRZN, Oven Fry, Crinkle	44	6 – 5 lb bags	Feb 15, 10 – Mar 31, 10	\$ 17.17
A299	Orange Juice, FRZN, 4 oz IND cartons	38	70 – 4 fl oz cartons	Mar 1, 10 – Apr 15, 10	\$ 7.48
Meat/Meat Alternates					
B065	Cheese, Sliced American, Yellow, Processed	37	6 – 5 lb loaves	COMPLETE	\$ 34.52
A515	Chicken, Cut-Up, FRZN, 8 pc, Raw	20 ****	40 lb case	Nov 15, 09 – Dec 31, 09	\$ 26.50
A608	Beef, Raw, FRZN, Fine Ground, 85/15	84 ****	4 – 10 lb packages	COMPLETE	\$ 59.54
A608	Beef, Raw, FRZN, Fine Ground, 85/15	42 ****	4 – 10 lb packages	Jan 1, 10 – Feb 15, 10	\$ 59.54
A515	Chicken, Cut-Up, FRZN, 8 pc, Raw	20 ****	40 lb case	Jan 15, 10 – Feb 28, 10	\$ 26.50
B065	Cheese, Sliced American, Yellow, Processed	37	6 – 5 lb loaves	Feb 1, 10 – Mar 15, 10	\$ 46.99
A608	Beef, Raw, FRZN, Fine Ground, 85/15	MAKE UP*****	4 – 10 lb packages	Mar 15, 10 – Apr 30, 10	\$ 59.54

* Case per ADP means each LEA will receive approximately one (1) case of product for that number of Average Daily Participants. Each LEA will receive **AT LEAST** one (1) case of the product. This figure is only an ESTIMATE!

- Example: If LEA Jane Doe's ADP = 100 and A299 = 38 Case/ADP, then they could estimate to receive 2 cases of A299.
(100 ÷ 38 = 2.63. Round down for estimates).

** Estimated per Case VALUE is the value figured for each case based on the estimated cost per requested truck [determined by the USDA's Electronic Commodity Ordering System (ECOS)] divided by the number of cases on each truck.

- Example: A truck of A608 is estimated by ECOS to cost \$59,540 and contain 1,000 cases; therefore the Estimated VALUE is \$59,540 ÷ 1,000 = \$59.54.

*** These commodity **BEANS** can be credited for a Vegetable *or* a Meat/Meat Alternate in Food Based Menu Planning, but cannot be credited for BOTH on the same menu.

**** Beef and Chicken Case/ADP's are determined by the response each LEA chose on the Processing Packet for School Year 2009 – 2010. If your LEA chose to process any percent of either commodity, then you must adjust the Case/ADP accordingly. If your LEA chose to process 100% of the commodity, then ZERO (0) cases will be prorated to your LEA.

- Example: If you chose to process 50% of your Chicken and your ADP is 100, then you would determine your quantity of A515 cases and multiply by 0.50 to estimate that you will receive 2 cases of A515.
(100 ÷ 20 = 5 cases), (5 cases x 0.50 = 2.5 cases) Round down for estimates.

***** MAKE UP deliveries are for LEA's who chose to defer their pounds of PORK on the Processing Packet for School Year 2009 – 2010 and receive GROUND BEEF instead.

IQF = Individually Quick Frozen

FRZN = Frozen

IND = Individual

CND = Canned